

# **Corn Stover**

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL

## **Pedigree**

Location: Boone County, IA

Harvested: 2011 Received at INL: 2012 Harvest Method: Single pass

Sample Preparation: Ground to pass through a 1-inch sieve using a Vermeer BG480 grinder and a Bliss Hammermill with no screen

## **Composition**

**Table 1.** Chemical composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Corn Stover

%Structural Ash	%Extractable Inorganics	%Structural Protein	%Extractable Protein	%Water Extracted Glucan <sup>b</sup>	
2.37	1.48	1.84	0.72	0.62	
%Water Extracted Xylan <sup>b</sup>	%Water Extractives Others	%EtOH Extractives	%Lignin	%Glucan	
0.47	4.46	2.73	16.37	35.45	
%Xylan	%Galactan	%Arabinan	%Acetate	%Total	
22.34	1.54	3.40	1.58	95.37	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Determined using NREL "Summative Mass Closure" LAP (NREL/TP-510-48087)

# **Proximate, Ultimate & Calorimetry**

**Table 2.** Proximate, ultimate, and calorific values for Reference Corn Stover (reported on a dry basis)

Proximate <sup>a</sup>			Ultimate <sup>b</sup>			<b>Calorimetry</b> <sup>c</sup>		
%Volatile	%Ash	%Fixed Carbon	%Hydrogen	%Carbon	%Nitrogen	HHV	LHV	
79.0	4.3	16.7	5.7	48.7	0.7	7990	6614	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Proximate analysis was done according to ASTM D 5142-09

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Determined by HPLC following an acid hydrolysis of the water extractives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Ultimate analysis was conducted using a modified ASTM D5373-10 method (Flour and Plant Tissue Method) that uses a slightly different burn profile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Heating values (HHV, LHV) were determined with a calorimeter using ASTM D5865-10

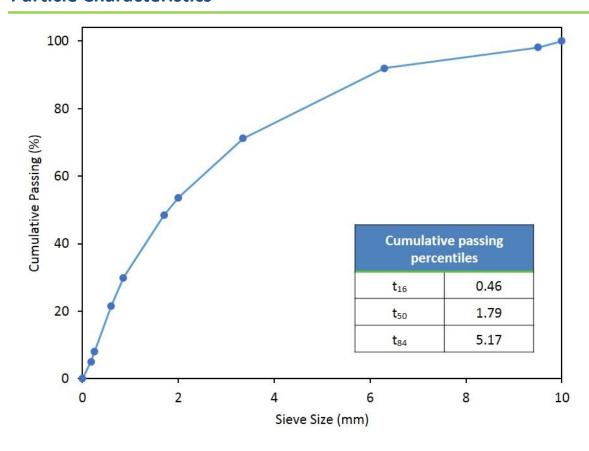
### **Elemental Ash**

**Table 3.** Elemental ash composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Corn Stover

%Al as Al₂O₃	%Ca as CaO	%Fe as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%K as K <sub>2</sub> O		%Mn as MnO			%Si as SiO₂	%Ti as TiO₂	%S as SO₃
0.28	8.99	1.12	26.38	6.09	0.09	0.08	2.79	51.99	0.01	2.20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Determined as described in ASTM standards D3174, D3682 and D6349

### **Particle Characteristics**



**Figure 1.** Cumulative passing percent of 1-inch Reference Corn Stover determined according to ANSI/ASAE S319.4 using a Ro-Tap test sieve shaker (Model RX-29, W.S. Tyler) and a 15 minute total sieving time. The cumulative passing percentile sieve sizes (e.g.,  $t_{16}$ ) were calculated by interpolation and represent theoretical sieve sizes that would retain 16, 50 or 84% of the particles by mass.

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